

REMARKS

The Office Action dated December 10, 2007, has been received and carefully noted. The above amendments to the claims, and the following remarks, are submitted as a full and complete response thereto.

In view of the amendments above, claims 1 and 3-52 are currently pending in the application, of which claims 1, 21, 23-24, 26-28, and 50-52 are independent claims. Claim 2 has been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 1, 3, 5-8, 11, 13, 17-18, 21, and 23-28 have been amended, and claims 29-52 have been added, to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the invention. No new matter has been added. Entry of the amendments is respectfully requested on the basis of the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) enclosed herewith. Claims 1 and 3-52 are respectfully submitted for consideration.

Claims 1-28 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,993,327 of Mathis ("Mathis") in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0009530 of Philonenko et al. ("Philonenko"). The Office Action acknowledged that Mathis fails to disclose all of the features of the claims, and cited Philonenko to remedy certain such deficiencies. The rejection of claim 2 should be withdrawn as moot, as claim 2 has been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims recite subject matter that is neither disclosed nor suggested in the combination of Mathis and Philonenko.

Claim 1, upon which claims 3-20 depend, is directed to a system including presence information associated with at least one user, said presence information

comprising a plurality of parts, at least one of said parts comprising information identifying an application for which said at least one part is intended. The system also includes at least one entity to which presence information associated with said at least one user is provided, said at least one entity comprising at least one application, said at least one entity being configured to use said information identifying the application to obtain the at least one part of said presence information intended for said at least one application of the at least one entity.

Claim 21, upon which claim 22 depends, is directed to a method including receiving at least a portion of presence information associated with a user, said presence information comprising a plurality of parts, at least one of said parts comprising information identifying an application for which said at least one part is intended. The method also includes obtaining in at least one entity at least one of said parts, said at least one entity comprising at least one entity application, the at least one entity obtaining the parts comprising information identifying said at least one entity application for said at least one application.

Claim 23, upon which claims 29-36 depend, is directed to an apparatus including associated presence information. The presence information includes a plurality of parts, wherein said apparatus is configured to provide at least one of said parts with information identifying an application for which said at least one part is intended.

Claim 24, upon which claims 25 and 37-49 depend, is directed to an apparatus including at least one application. The apparatus also includes at least one processor configured to obtain at least one part of presence information associated with an user, the

at least one part comprising information identifying at least one of said at least one applications. The processor is configured to obtain the at least one part comprising information identifying said at least one application.

Claim 26 is directed to a system including a presence information associated with at least one user, said presence information comprising a plurality of parts, at least one of said parts comprising information identifying an application for which said at least one part is intended. The system also includes at least one entity to which presence information associated with said at least one user is provided, said at least one entity comprising at least one entity application, said at least one entity comprising means for using said information to obtain the at least one part of said presence information intended for said at least one application of the at least one entity.

Claim 27 is directed to an apparatus including associated presence information, wherein said presence information comprises a plurality of parts. The apparatus also includes provision means for providing at least one of said parts with information identifying an application for which said at least one part is intended.

Claim 28 is directed to an apparatus including at least one application. The apparatus also includes at least one application obtaining means for obtaining at least one part of presence information associated with an user, the at least one part comprising information identifying at least one of said at least one a application. The obtaining means is configured to obtain the at least one part comprising information identifying said at least one application.

Applicants respectfully submit that the combination of Mathis and Philonenko fails to disclose or suggest all of the features of any of the presently pending claims.

Mathis generally relates to multicast distribution of presence information for an instant messaging system. More particularly, Mathis describes a technique for distributing presence information to a plurality of communication devices. In particular Mathis provides a respective contact list that is associated with each of the communication devices and that identifies one or more of the other communication devices.

Claim 1 recites, in part, “information identifying an application for which said at least one part is intended.” Mathis fails to disclose or suggest at least this feature of claim 1. The Office Action admitted that Mathis fails to disclose or suggest this feature, and cited Philonenko to remedy this deficiency.

Claim 1 identifies, among other things, information including a plurality of parts, of which at least one of these parts comprises information identifying an application for which the part is intended. This information (*i.e.* the information that comprises this plurality of parts) is provided to at least one entity, the entity using the information (which identifies an application for which a part is intended) to obtain this part for the intended application.

Thus, further to the distinction above, Mathis does not “presence information associated with at least one user, said presence information comprising a plurality of parts, at least one of said parts comprising information identifying an application for which said at least one part is intended.” Accordingly, there is no disclosure of an entity

that is configured to use the information identifying the application to obtain the at least one part of presence information that is intended for said at least one application of the entity.

Rather, in Mathis, a communication device is arranged to receive presence information that is intended for a device based on information which identifies the device. As has been argued previously (in the Response filed October 3, 2007) and apparently accepted in the Office Action, there is no discussion in Mathis of identifying an application on a particular device for which the presence information is intended and ensuring that that presence information is directed to the correct application by means of identifying information provided in the presence information.

As noted above, the Office Action also cited Philonenko. Philonenko generally relates to an instant message presence protocol for facilitating communication center activity. The Office Action relied on Philonenko to argue that information identifying an application for which one part is intended is disclosed. This is not the case.

The Office Action cited paragraph [0146] of Philonenko, and asserted that this paragraph discloses the feature of “at least one of the parts comprising information identifying an application for which said at least one part is intended.” However, this paragraph refers to a client *i.e.* a person subscribing to the system being provided with an identification parameter.

Even if the client (in Philonenko) is regarded as being user equipment of some kind (not admitted), however, there is no disclosure of having an information identifying an application on an entity for which at least part of the presence information is

intended. Having an identifier for the client may well be known in a large variety of communication systems; however, this is not what is being claimed. The claims as presently pending recite embodiments in which an entity is defined to have applications. The presence information must (in the presently pending claims) include identity information identifying an application. The entity is then able to use that identity information to ensure that a particular application on that entity receives the acquired associated presence information.

Accordingly, it should be apparent that Philonenko cannot remedy the admitted deficiencies of Mathis, because Philonenko (like Mathis) does not disclose or suggest, “presence information associated with at least one user, said presence information comprising a plurality of parts, at least one of said parts comprising information identifying an application for which said at least one part is intended,” as recited in claim 1. Thus, the combination of references fails to disclose such features of claim 1, and it is respectfully requested that the rejection of claim 1 be withdrawn.

Each of independent claims 21, 23-24, and 26-28 has its own scope, but each recites at least some similar features to those discussed above with respect to claim 1, and none of those claims was separately rejected from claim 1. Thus, it is respectfully requested that the rejection of claims 21, 23-24, and 26-28 be withdrawn for similar reasons.

Claims 3-20, 22, and 25 depend respectively from, and further limit, claims 1, 21, and 24. Thus, each of claims 3-20, 22, and 25 recites subject matter that is neither

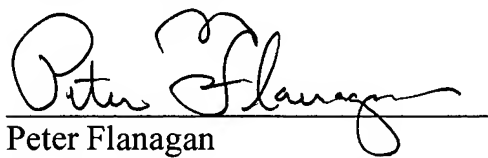
disclosed nor suggested in the cited art. It is, therefore, respectfully requested that the rejection of claims 3-20, 22, and 25 be withdrawn.

For the reasons set forth above, it is respectfully submitted that each of claims 1 and 3-52 recites subject matter that is neither disclosed nor suggested in the cited art. It is, therefore, respectfully requested that all of claims 1 and 3-52 be allowed, and that this application be passed to issuance.

If for any reason the Examiner determines that the application is not now in condition for allowance, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact, by telephone, Applicants' undersigned representative at the indicated telephone number to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this application.

In the event this paper is not being timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension together with any additional fees may be charged to Counsel's Deposit Account 50-2222.

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